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1. PRIME MINISTER KY SPOKE AT CLOSING CEREMONY OF NATIONAL ELECTION SEMINAR MORNING JULY 1, HIS FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE SINCE ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORMATION OF THIEU KY TICKET. KY WAS PRECEDED BY SPECIAL COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATION NGUYEN VAN TUONG, AND KIEN HOA PROVINCE CHIEF LT. COL. MUYNH PHAT DAT.

2. TUONG STRESSED MASSIVE ADMIN STRATIVE AND MILITARY PREPARATIONS ELECTIONS WILL ENTAIL (FOR EXAMPLE PRINTING AND

DISTRIBUTION OF AS MANY AS 18 PRESIDENTIAL AND 64 SENATORIAL BALLOTS FOR 5.5 MILLION VOTERS), AND STRESSED NEED FOR FREE AND HONEST ELECTIONS. DAT, SPEAKING FOR LOCAL OFFICIALS, PLEDGED DETERMINATION TO CARRY OUT A SUCCESSFUL, AND HONEST ELECTION.

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3. KY SAID THAT, DESPITE BEING BUSY WITH OTHER THINGS, HE HAD FOLLOWED PROGRESS OF SEMINAR CLOSELY. HE REITERATED THAT ELECTIONS MUST BE FREE AND LEGAL, AND CALLED UPON ASSEMBLED OFFICIALS TO PROTECT ABSOLUTELY FREEDOM OF CHOICE OF VOTERS AND PROVISION OF EQUAL FACILITIES TO CANDIDATES. HE ADVISORIED THEM TO EXPLAIN ELECTION PROCEDURES TO SUBORDINATE OFFICIALS AND PEOPLE, AND ASSURED THEM OF FULL SUPPORT FROM GYM MINISTRIES. KY SAID THAT VICT-NAM NEEDS FREE ELECTIONS IN ORDER TO RECONSTRUCT THE COUNTRY, AND TO PRESERVE ITS PRESTIGE INTERNATIONALLY. IN CLOSING, HE CALLED FOR A SELFLESS SPIRIT OF SERVICE IN CARRYING OUT SUCCESSFUL ELECTIONS, NOTING THAT TITLES AND HONORS ARE NOT IMPORTANT. SACRIFICES HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE AND OTHERS SHOULD BE MADE FOR THESE COMMON FUND. RUNNER AT

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